

Data Reliability Assessment Tool: Main Heating Expenditures

Assessment #1 – Defining Data Requirements

Assessment #1 compares the average main heating fuel expenditures for your LIHEAP households to reasonable estimates of the average main heating fuel expenditures for all low-income households in your state/territory. The estimated figures used for comparison are developed by APPRISE with data from the Energy Information Administration's (EIA) State Energy Data System (SEDS), the American Community Survey (ACS), and the Residential Energy Consumption Survey (RECS).

Before you begin Assessment #1, you will need to obtain the following data items:

➤ **LIHEAP Household Energy Expenditure Data by Fuel Type:**

- The average annual main heating fuel bill for LIHEAP-assisted households that heat with electricity, natural gas, fuel oil and propane.
- **This information can be found in Section V, Part B, Line 4 of your Performance Data Form.**